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Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Supplemental Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies
Monthly Progress Report – Area 1 (August 2007)

Dear Jim:

Attached is the sixth monthly progress report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site Supplemental RI/FS – Area 1. This progress report is submitted as per Section 7.1 of the Statement of Work (SOW) for the February 2007 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) for Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies (Docket No. V-W-07-C-864).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE ALLIED PAPER, INC./PORTAGE CREEK/
KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE SRI/FS
AREA 1 (MORROW DAM TO PLAINWELL DAM)**

REPORT #6, AUGUST 2007

**PREPARED BY ARCADIS BBL
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ON BEHALF OF THE KALAMAZOO RIVER STUDY GROUP (KRSG)

SUBMITTED TO

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Kalamazoo River Superfund Site SRI/FS – Area 1**

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**Significant Developments and Activities during the Period, Including Actions Undertaken
Pursuant to the AOC and SOW**

- On August 1, ARCADIS BBL submitted to USEPA a list of candidates for the position of ecological risk assessment peer review manager.
- On August 3, ARCADIS BBL forwarded to USEPA a list of supporting documents for ecological risk assessment peer review.
- On August 8, ARCADIS BBL and USEPA participated in a conference call to discuss the ecological risk assessment peer review.
- On August 16, ARCADIS BBL participated in a meeting with MDEQ to discuss the utilization of fish tissue data from the long-term monitoring program in the Michigan Department of Community Health's fish consumption advisory reviews. ARCADIS BBL received a copy of CDM's Inlet/Outlet Investigation report, dated August 2007, at the meeting.
- On August 27, ARCADIS BBL forwarded to USEPA a draft example access request letter for the Phase 1 SRI sampling work. USEPA subsequently approved the language.
- On August 27, USEPA transmitted to ARCADIS BBL the curriculum vitae for a peer review manager candidate suggested by USEPA (Dr. Menzie).
- On August 27, ARCADIS BBL transmitted to USEPA (J. Chapman) a memo requesting the USEPA's data useability determination for existing data for purposes of the SRI/FS.
- The KRSG awaits USEPA's comments on the draft *Conceptual Site Model* (CSM), which was submitted to the USEPA on June 21, 2007.
- The KRSG awaits receipt of the signed approval sheet from the final *Multi-Area Quality Assurance Project Plan* (QAPP), which was submitted to USEPA on June 29, 2007.
- The KRSG awaits USEPA's response to the letter requesting USEPA's data usability determination for existing data for purposes of the SRI/FS, which was submitted to USEPA on August 27.

Data Collected and Field Activities Conducted During the Period

- No data were collected and no field activities were conducted during this period.

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Laboratory Data Received During the Period

- No data were received during this period.

Problems

- No problems were encountered this reporting period.

Actions Taken to Correct Problems

- No activity.

Developments Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- In September, ARCADIS BBL will submit the first semi-annual progress report to USEPA. This report is discussed in Section 7.2 of the SOW.
- During the week of September 3, ARCADIS BBL is planning to send access request letters for the upcoming SRI field sampling activities.
- On September 5, KRSG is scheduled to receive USEPA's comments on the draft *Multi-Area Field Sampling Plan* (FSP), which was submitted to USEPA on April 25, 2007.
- On September 19, KRSG and USEPA have a conference call scheduled to discuss the peer review process.
- On September 24, ARCADIS BBL is scheduled to begin the Phase 1 field work outlined in the SRI Work Plan. As per Section 48b of the AOC, ARCADIS BBL will notify USEPA and MDEQ in advance of the start of sample collection activities.